GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:145
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007
ADULTERATION AND UNDER MEASUREMENT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy/guidelines of the Government to check adulteration and under-weighing of petroleum products;

(b) the number of the complaints received against the petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies about adulteration and under-weighing of petrol, diesel and LPG during each of the last three years as on date, State-wise;

(c) the action taken against the erring petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies; and

(d) the number of the licences of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies cancelled during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 145 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH MARCH 2007 REGARDING ADULTERATION AND UNDER MEASUREMENT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ASKED BY SHRI BHUBNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA :

(a) : The provisions under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) have been made stricter w.e.f. 1.8.2005 and they now provide for termination of dealership in the case of adulteration being established at the first instance itself. The State Governments have been requested to activate their enforcement machinery to take action against irregularities under the Control Orders issued by the Government under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. In addition, OMCs have been asked to introduce technological innovations in controlling adulteration. These new initiatives include automation of retail outlets, installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) on tank trucks carrying petroleum products to monitor their movements and introduction of marker in Kerosene to check its diversion for adulteration.

(b)to (d) : The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) take action against the dealers found indulging in irregularities in terms of the provisions under the MDG and Dealership Agreements. The number of complaints received by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) against their retail outlets and LPG distributors for indulging in adulteration and under-weighment and action taken thereon during the last three years, state-wise, are at Annex-A and B respectively. Details of retail outlets/LPG distributorships terminated State-wise during the year 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07

(April − December, 2006) is at Annex C'